

To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

April 12, 2016

From:

David S. Freeman, AICP

Director of General Services

Subject: Conveyance of a Buildable GEM Lot for Disposition Located at

1400 Marsh Street

Reviewed:

Peter H. Chapman, Deputy City Manager

Ward/Superward: 4/7

Approved:

Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

Item Number:

PH-6

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance I.

II.

Applicant: Jay Investment Corporation

1504 Pine Grove Lane

Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

III. **Description:**

This agenda item is an ordinance to dispose of a vacant, non-standard size parcel of land owned by the City of Norfolk ("city"). This parcel, located at 1400 Marsh Street (the "Property"), is a GEM lot and was acquired by the city under § 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. This parcel is to be conveyed to Jay Investment Corporation ("Jay") under the GEM Side Lot for Development Disposition Program ("Program").

IV. **Analysis**

Jay seeks to purchase and develop the property located at 1400 Marsh Avenue. The cost to Jay for purchase of the property from the City is \$36,600.00 (the total assessed value). This sale will subject the property to real estate taxes, thereby creating on-going revenue for the city. No specific city use has been identified for the property and therefore, conveyance to Jay is consistent with the goals of the Program.

Financial Impact ٧.

Purchase Price	Thirty-six thousand six hundred dollars (\$36,600.00)
Typical Costs of Closing	Each party to this transaction shall pay its own legal fees.
FY2016 Assessed Value of Parcel	Thirty-six thousand six hundred dollars (\$36,600.00)

Annual Tax Revenue of Parcel	\$420.90 annually (will increase upon development of
	property)

VI. Environmental

There are no known environmental issues associated with this property.

VII. Community Outreach/Notification

In accordance with the Norfolk City Charter and Virginia State law, a legal notice will be posted in *The Virginian-Pilot*. In addition, public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the city's agenda notification process.

VIII. Board/Commission Action

N/A

IX. Coordination/Outreach

This letter and ordinance have been coordinated with the Department of General Services – Office of Real Estate and the City Attorney's Office.

Supporting Material from the City Attorney's Office:

- Ordinance
- Exhibit A Legal Description of the Property
- Exhibit B Proposed Conveyance Agreement

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Form and Correctness Approved:

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO JAY INVESTMENT CORPORATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 MARSH STREET FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$36,600.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CITY'S RIGHT OF REVERTER UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, authorizes the appointment of a Special Commissioner for the purpose of conveying to localities, in lieu of public auction, certain real property with delinquent taxes and liens that meet certain criteria set forth therein; and

MHEREAS, the parcel of real property located at 1400 Marsh Street and more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property"), was conveyed to the City of Norfolk ("City") by a Special Commissioner's deed executed and delivered pursuant to a decree entered by the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk in accordance with the provisions of Section 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition of the Property, the City recorded a Declaration of Protective and Restrictive Covenants ("Restrictive Covenants") in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit

Court of the City of Norfolk, as Instrument No. 050051287, which document provides, inter alia, that a violation of any protective or restrictive covenant contained therein shall, in the sole discretion of the City, cause the title to the Property to revert to the City; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the Property is not needed for any of the uses or purposes of the City and is a continuing financial burden on the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 2(5) of the Norfolk City Charter provides the City with broad authority for the disposition of its real property; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the public interest is best served by the conveyance of the Property to Jay Investment Corporation ("Jay") for the sum of \$36,600.00 upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Conveyance Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, in order for any potential purchasers of the Property to be able to obtain appropriate financing, it may be necessary that the City's right of reverter be released as to the Property; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the conveyance of the Property, located at 1400 Marsh Street and further described in Exhibit A, to Jay for the total sum of \$36,600.00 upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Conveyance

Agreement attached as Exhibit B, is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2:- That the City Manager, and the other proper officers of the City, are authorized to execute the Conveyance Agreement on behalf of the City of Norfolk and, upon receipt of the sum of \$36,600.00, to be disbursed in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia, to deliver to Jay a Special Warranty Deed in form satisfactory to the City Attorney, and to do all other things necessary and proper to effect the conveyance of the said Property to Jay.

Section 3:- That the City Manager is authorized to release the City's right of reverter as to this Property upon receipt by the City of written certification by SCI that a purchaser of the Property has been identified and that such purchaser is unable to obtain financing for the purchase unless the City's right of reverter is released. In all other respects, the Declaration of Protective and Restrictive Covenants recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk as Instrument No. 050051287 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4:- That the City Manager is further authorized to correct, amend or revise the Conveyance Agreement as he may deem advisable to carry out the intent of the Council as expressed herein.

Section 5:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption.

EXHIBIT "A" Tax Account Number 3335-5700

All those two (2) certain lots, pieces or parcels of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being and situate in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, known, numbered and designated as Lots numbered Twenty-nine (29) and Thirty-one (31), in Block Numbered Three (3), as shown on the Plat of William Pannill's property, which plat is duly of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, formerly Norfolk County, Virginia, in Map Book 2, at page 48; said lots being situate at the southeast intersection of Marsh and Roseclair Street and being of the dimensions as shown on said plat.

It being the same property conveyed to Bettie Parker, by Deed from George W. Parker and Mary Parker, his wife, dated November 22, 1952, recorded November 25, 1952, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, in Deed Book 634, Page 391.

EXHIBIT B TO ORDINANCE

CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this	day of	, 2016, between
the CITY OF NORFOLK, a municipal corpo	oration of the Cor	mmonwealth of Virginia ("City"),
and JAY INVESTMENT CORPORATION	I, a Virginia corpo	oration ("Jay").

RECITALS:

- A. City is the owner in fee simple absolute of a certain parcel of real property, together with all rights and appurtenances thereunto pertaining, located in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, known as 1400 Marsh Street, more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached to and made a part of this Agreement (the "Property"), the City having acquired the same pursuant to the provisions of Section 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- B. Upon acquisition of the Property, the City recorded a Declaration of Protective and Restrictive Covenants ("Restrictive Covenants") in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, as Instrument No. 050051287, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, which provides, inter-alia, that a violation of any protective or restrictive covenant contained therein shall, in the sole discretion of the City, cause the title to the Property to revert to the City.
- C. Jay desires to purchase the property from City and City desires to sell the property to Jay in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - D. These recitals are incorporated by this reference into this Agreement.
- E. The conveyance of the Property to Jay will enable Jay to construct attractive and affordable housing that will enhance the Property, as well as the neighborhood generally, and will return the Property to the real estate tax rolls.
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the purchase price and the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the City and Jay agree as follows:
- 1. <u>SALE</u>. City agrees to sell and Jay agrees to purchase the Property, together with all easements, rights, and appurtenances thereto.
- 2. <u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>. The purchase price ("Purchase Price") for the Property is Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and 0/100 (\$36,600.00). The Purchase Price will be paid in the form of a certified check or by wire transfer of funds at closing.

CONVEYANCE.

a. The City agrees to convey the property to Jay by Special Warranty Deed, subject to applicable easements and restrictive covenants of record, and specifically the Restrictive Covenants attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- b. No building permit shall be issued for the development of a single-family dwelling on the parcels until a zoning certificate has been granted by the Department of City Planning, which verifies that the proposed single-family dwelling to be built on the parcels is consistent with the prevailing pattern in the neighborhood with respect to the footing, massing, scale, appearance, fenestration, roof lines and other exterior elements.
- c. The deed shall contain a restrictive covenant limiting construction upon the property to single-family, owner occupied dwellings and structures appurtenant thereto for a period of five (5) years.
 - d. Possession of the Property will be given to Jay at Closing.
- e. City agrees to pay the expenses of preparing the deed. Jay will pay all other fees and costs charged in connection with the transfer of the Property and the recordation of the deed.
- f. City and Jay agree that the attorney or title insurance company ("Title Company") selected by Jay shall act as the settlement agent ("Settlement Agent") at Jay's expense. The Settlement Agent shall prepare the settlement statement, update and record the deed, collect and disburse settlement funds in accordance with this Agreement and the settlement statement, and file any required state and federal tax forms or other certifications in accordance with Paragraph 15.
- 4. <u>FEASIBILITY PERIOD</u>. Purchaser shall have ninety (90) days from the date this Agreement is executed by all parties in which to complete its assessment of the Property, including title examination and environmental assessment.
- 5. <u>CLOSING</u>. The Closing will be made at the offices of the Norfolk City Attorney, in Norfolk, Virginia 23510, or such other location as the parties may agree, within 30 days after expiration of the Feasibility Period, or as soon thereafter as settlement documents can be prepared and any title issues can be resolved.
- 6. <u>CONDITIONS</u>. Jay's obligations are expressly conditioned upon the satisfaction of each of the following conditions in the sole determination of Jay, it being understood that the City is under no obligation whatsoever to expend any funds to satisfy any of these conditions. If any one of the following conditions cannot be met during the Feasibility Period, Jay may unilaterally terminate this Agreement:
 - a. Receipt of a satisfactory title commitment.
- b. Receipt of a Phase I Environmental Assessment and Report (Phase I Report) conducted and prepared by an environmental engineering and inspection company selected by Jay at Jay's expense, and such other testing and reports as may be reasonably required by Jay or recommended in the Phase I Report, any such additional testing and reports to be at Jay's expense.

- c. Satisfaction by the City of all obligations under this Agreement.
- 7. SOLD "AS IS"; NO REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES BY CITY. Jay acknowledges that the City has made no representations or warranties whatsoever in regard to the Property, except for Special Warranty of Title. Jay agrees that they have inspected and are thoroughly familiar with the Property and is acquiring the Property in its "as is" condition. Jay understands and agrees that the City has not made and makes no representations or warranties of any kind with respect to the condition of the Property or its fitness, suitability or acceptability for any particular use or purpose, and the City shall not be liable for any latent or patent defects therein.
- 8. <u>NOTICES</u>. All notices to the parties hereto will be delivered by hand, via certified mail return receipt requested, or via facsimile and all be deemed effective upon delivery if by hand and upon confirmation of receipt if by other means, to the following address until the address is changed by notice in writing to the other party:

Jay: Jay Investment Corporation

Attn: Lloyd Vaughn 1504 Pine Grove Lane Chesapeake, Virginia 23321

City: Director, Department of General Services

Office of Real Estate City of Norfolk

232 East Main Street, Suite 250

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

With a copy to: Bernard A. Pishko

City Attorney

810 Union Street, Suite 900 Norfolk, Virginia 23510

- 9. <u>SURVIVAL</u>. The provisions contained in this Agreement will be true as of the date of this Agreement and as of the date of Closing and will survive the Closing.
- 10. <u>BROKERAGE OR AGENT'S FEES</u>. Neither the City nor Jay are represented by a real estate broker, agent or finder in this transaction. No fees or commissions are or will be due from or payable by the City as a result of this transaction. The City shall not have any obligation whatsoever to pay any brokerage or agent's fees or commissions, nor shall the City have any obligation whatsoever to see that any such fees or commissions are paid.

11. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.

a. If the conveyance contemplated by this Agreement is not consummated because of City's or Jay's default, the non-defaulting party may elect to:

- (i) Terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) Seek and obtain specific performance of this Agreement.
- 12. <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and will supersede the terms and conditions of all prior written and oral agreements, if any, concerning the matters it covers. The parties acknowledge there are no oral agreements, understandings, representations, or warranties that supplement or explain the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified except by an agreement in writing signed by the parties.
- 13. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 14. <u>SUCCESSOR/ASSIGNMENT</u>. This Agreement will be binding upon and the obligations and benefits hereof will accrue to the parties hereto, their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.
- IRS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. For the purpose of complying with any information reporting requirements or other rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") that are or may become applicable as a result of or in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Conveyance Agreement including, but not limited to, any requirements set forth in proposed Income Tax Regulation Section 1.6045-4 and any final or successor version thereof (collectively the "IRS Reporting Requirements"), City and Jay hereby designate and appoint the Jay's attorney or Title Company to act as the "Reporting Person" (as that term is defined in the IRS Reporting Requirements) to be responsible for complying with any IRS Reporting Requirements. The attorney or Title Company hereby acknowledges and accepts such designation and appointment and agrees to fully comply with any IRS Reporting Requirements that are or may become applicable as a result of or in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Conveyance Agreement. Without limiting the responsibility and obligations of the attorney or Title Company as the Reporting Person, City and Jay hereby agree to comply with any provisions of the IRS Reporting Requirements that are not identified therein as the responsibility of the Reporting Person, including but not limited to, the requirement that City and Jay each retain an original counterpart of this Conveyance Agreement for at least four (4) years following the calendar year of the Closing.

(SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW)

WITNESS the following duly authorized signatures and seals:

CITY OF NORFOLK

	By:
	By:City Manager
ATTEST:	
City Clerk	
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CITY OF NORFOLK, to-wit:	
I,	a Notary Public in and for the City of Norfolk, in the office expires on, do hereby ager and R. Breckenridge Daughtrey, City Clerk, names as such are signed to the foregoing Conveyance before me in my City and State aforesaid.
Given under my hand this day	y of, 2016.
	Notary Public
	Registration No
Contents Approved:	
Director, Department of General Services	_
Approved as to Form and Correctness:	
Deputy City Attorney	

JAY INVESTMENT CORPORATION

	By:	
	Title:	
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGI CITY OF NORFOLK, to-wit:	NIA	
I, Commonwealth of Virginia, whose	, a Notary Public in and for the C e term of office expires on	City/County of Norfolk, in the, do hereby
certify that Jay Investment Corporation whose acknowledged the same before me i	name is signed to the foregoing	(Title), on behalf of Conveyance Agreement, has
Given under my hand this _	_day of	, 2016.
	Notary Public	
	Registration No.	

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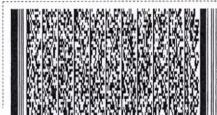
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DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS RELATIVE TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 MARSH STREET (TAX ACCOUNT #3335-5700)

THIS DECLARATION, made this 9th day of June, 2005, by the CITY OF NORFOLK, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia ("Declarant"), whose address is City Hall, 810 Union Street, Norfolk, Virginia, 23510.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property located at 1400 Marsh Street City of Norfolk, Virginia, Tax Account #3335-5700, and more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant, in order to provide for orderly development, improvement and maintenance of the Property, and the surrounding neighborhood, deems it suitable and appropriate to establish and publish certain standards and restrictions and to impose the same upon the Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the mutual benefits accruing to Declarant, to the surrounding neighborhood, and to subsequent purchasers of the Property, Declarant does hereby declare said Property to be subject to the following covenants, which covenants shall run with the land and shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in and to the Property or any part thereof.

A. PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES.

- 1. Any construction on or development of the Property shall be in keeping with the City of Norfolk's General Plan, as well as the City's neighborhood plans, as such plans may be approved from time to time by the City Council.
- 2. No building or structure of any kind shall be constructed, altered or permitted on the Property without the prior written approval of the design of such building or structure by the Director of City Planning for the City of Norfolk ("Director"). A set of plans shall be submitted to the Director for approval as set forth herein.
- All buildings and structures located on the Property shall be kept in good repair and the Property shall be kept in compliance with all City codes and ordinances.
- 4. If the Property is located on a street or in a district that is designated as an underground street or district under the provisions of the Norfolk City Code, 1979, as amended ("City Code"), then any building or structure located on the Property shall be served by underground utilities, and no above ground poles and wires shall be permitted, unless otherwise provided in the City Code.

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PLANS

1. All plans for any new buildings or structures to be located on the Property, including any additions to existing buildings or structures, must be presented to and approved by the Director in writing prior to the commencement of any construction.

- 2. The Director shall approve or disapprove plans submitted to him within forty-five (45) days after an application has been made to him. If the Director fails to act within the said 45 days, the application shall be deemed to have been approved. In the event the plans are disapproved by the Director, the party submitting the plans shall have 45 days from the date of such disapproval to submit revised plans, such revised plans to contain any revisions required by the Director.
- 3. The plans required to be submitted to the Director for approval shall include a full set of construction plans and site plans.
- 4. The construction of any building or structure on the Property must commence within ninety (90) days of the receipt of approval by the Director. Work thereon shall be prosecuted diligently and must be completed within a reasonable time not to exceed twelve (12) months from the date construction commences.

C. GRANTEE'S ACCEPTANCE

The Grantee of the Property subject to the coverage of this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed conveying title thereto, or the execution of a contract for the purchase thereof, whether from Declarant or a subsequent owner of the Property, shall accept such deed or contract upon and subject to each and all of these protective and restrictive covenants and the agreements herein contained, and also the jurisdiction, rights, and powers of Declarant, and by such acceptance shall, for himself, his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, consent, and agree to and with Declarant to keep, observe, comply with, and perform said protective and restrictive covenants.

D. EFFECTS OF PROTECTIVE AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS.

- These protective and restrictive covenants shall run with the
 Property and shall be binding upon all parties and all persons claiming under them.
- These protective and restrictive covenants may be changed, modified, or amended by a duly recorded instrument signed by the Declarant and the then current owner of the Property.
- 3. Each and every protective and restrictive covenant contained herein shall be considered to be an independent and separate covenant and agreement, and in the event that any one or more of said protective or restrictive covenants shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining protective and restrictive covenants shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
- 4. The failure of any party or person to enforce a protective or restrictive covenant contained herein in any instance or against any person shall not constitute a waiver or abrogation of said protective or restrictive covenant.

E. <u>REMEDIES</u>.

The Declarant or any party to whose benefit these protective and restrictive covenants inure may proceed at law or in equity to prevent the occurrence, continuation, or violation of any of these protective and restrictive covenants, and the court in any such action may award reasonable expenses in prosecuting such action, including attorney's fees. In addition to any other remedy available at law or in equity, a violation of any protective or restrictive covenant contained herein shall, in the sole

discretion of the Declarant and upon the giving of written notice to the then current owner of the Property, cause the title to the Property to revert to the Declarant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has executed this Declaration the day and year first above written.

CITY OF NORFOLK

Attest:

Approved as to form and correctness:

Deputy City Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA CITY OF NORFOLK, to-wit:

I, MACIEHAB COWART, a Notary Public in and for the City of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, whose term of office expires on the 3157 day of 2008, do hereby certify that Regina V.K. Williams, City Shelia W. W. Ider, Deputy
Manager and R. Breckenridge Daughtrey, City Clerk, respectively, of the City of Norfolk, whose names as such are signed to the foregoing instrument dated \underline{q} +June, 2005 have acknowledged the same before me in my City and State aforesaid. Given under my hand this 9th day of June, 2005. Prarietty & Cowart [SEAL]

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